

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to update the status of the priority document. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claims 1, 5, 6 and 8-15 are under consideration in this application. Claim 15 has been canceled and claims 16-26 have been added. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claim 16 has been added to recite a fiber-fibritin chimeric rod trimeric protein. Support for the recitation of a fiber-fibritin chimeric rod trimeric protein is found in Examples 1 to 3 (pages 31-46) of the specification as originally filed. Claim 17 has been added to recite a fiber-fibritin-6His chimera and support is found in Examples 1 and 2 of the specification as originally filed. Claim 18 has been added to recite a fiber-fibritin-RGD-6His chimera and support is found in Example 3 of the specification as originally filed. Claims 19-24 and 26 have been added to mirror claims 5, 6 and 9-14 as originally filed. Claim 25 has been added to recite an adenovirus comprising a transgene and support is found in Example 3 of the specification as originally filed.

It is submitted that the claims, herewith and as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments of the claims, as presented herein, are not made for purposes of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§§§ 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these amendments and additions are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

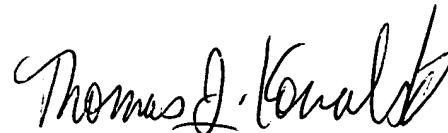
An interview with the Examiner, the Examiner's SPE, and a Practice Specialist, prior to a first Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested, with the Examiner respectfully invited to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner therefor.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments herewith, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date, and, the Examiner is invited to telephonically contact the undersigned to advance prosecution. The Commission is authorized to charge any fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,
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